

EXHIBIT T

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY :

COMMISSION, :

Plaintiff : Case No:

and : WDQ-02-CV-648

KATHY KOCH, :

Plaintiff-Intervenor :

vs. :

LA WEIGHT LOSS, :

Defendant :

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Rockville, Maryland

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Deposition of

MELINDA TEMPLE-PASSIN

the witness, was called for examination by
counsel for the plaintiff, at the Law Offices
of Hoffman & Rubin, 966 Hungerford Drive,
Suite 22, Rockville, Maryland, 20850,
commencing at 9:45 a.m., before Hedy D. Blau,

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1 that you're asked today, if you could ask that 2 it be rephrased, we will certainly do that, 3 either myself or Aliza. 4 A. Okay. 5 Q. Similarly, if you didn't hear part of 6 a question or if Aliza and I have been talking, 7 and you don't remember the question, if you 8 could ask that it be repeated, we will do that 9 for you. 10 A. Okay. 11 Q. If you do answer a question today, we 12 will assume that you understood it. Is that 13 fair? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. It's best that we speak one person at 16 a time. It tends to cause problems if there's 17 two people speaking at once. So, if we can 18 both try to do that. 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. If either of the attorneys, myself or 21 Aliza, make an objection today, if you could 22 just wait for us to finish our objection before	1 part of the year? 2 A. No. 3 Q. Do you have any intention of moving 4 from that address, say, in the next 5 year-and-a-half? 6 A. No. 7 Q. Could you state your social security 8 number, please? 9 A. 224-66-1239. 10 Q. And your date of birth? 11 A. 4/5/62. 12 Q. Are you currently employed? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Where are you employed? 15 A. Roy Passin, Incorporated. 16 Q. What is Roy Passin, Incorporated? 17 A. It's a restaurant. 18 Q. Where is that located? 19 A. It's in Gaithersburg, Old Towne 20 Gaithersburg. 21 Q. Is there like a trade name of the 22 restaurant?
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1 you answer the question? 2 A. Okay. 3 Q. And also, at the end of the 4 deposition, you will have an opportunity to 5 tell the court reporter whether or not you wish 6 to review the transcript of your deposition for 7 accuracy. You have a right as a witness to do 8 that, and she can make arrangements with you to 9 give you an opportunity to read the transcript 10 and see if everything is accurate. 11 A. Okay. 12 Q. So, at the end of the deposition just 13 let her know whether or not you wish to do 14 that. 15 A. I will do that. 16 Q. Just for the record, could you state 17 your full name, please? 18 A. Melinda Temple-Passin. 19 Q. What is your home address currently? 20 A. 13021 Birdale Lane, Gaithersburg, 21 Maryland. 22 Q. Do you reside anywhere else for any	1 A. Roy's Place. 2 Q. Roy's Place? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Have you ever worked for LA Weight 5 Loss? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. When did you begin working for LA 8 Weight Loss? 9 A. It was in 2001. I take that back, 10 wrong, wrong. It was either at the end of '98 11 or the beginning of '99. 12 Q. Has your last name always been 13 Temple-Passin? 14 A. No, it hasn't. It was Temple when I 15 was working for LA Weight Loss. 16 Q. The company records show that you were 17 hired on or about August 10th of 1998. Does 18 that date sound correct? 19 A. Yes, it does. 20 Q. What position were you hired to do 21 when you first started at LA Weight Loss. 22 A. I was hired as a manager in the

1 Herndon location.

2 Q. So, like a center manager of the
3 Herndon center?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. In your capacity as a center manager
6 at the Herndon center, did you have any duties
7 or responsibilities relating to hiring of new
8 employees?

9 A. Not really as a manager. If people
10 came in and applied for a job there or we
11 received faxes, then, I would give them to my
12 area supervisor or the regional supervisor at
13 that point.

14 Q. Other than that duty, you did not have
15 any duties in the hiring process?

16 A. No, I did not.

17 Q. Did you also hold the position of area
18 supervisor at LA Weight Loss?

19 A. Yes, I did. I was promoted.

20 Q. Do you recall when you were promoted
21 to that position?

22 A. Probably -- it's been so long ago,

1 show that your employment ended with LA Weight
2 Loss on or about May 10th of 2000. Does that
3 sound accurate?

4 A. That's accurate. I was trying to get
5 it right with my marriage and when I was
6 married, how long after. And we were married
7 in 2001, so that's right. We had dated a year
8 before we were married.

9 Q. Did you resign from your employment at
10 LA Weight Loss or were you discharged?

11 A. I resigned.

12 Q. Going back to when you were first
13 promoted to area supervisor, who was your
14 direct supervisor at that time?

15 A. Christine Stone-Seifer (phonetic), it
16 was either she or Joy Freathy. Actually, it
17 would have been Christine, because Joy was
18 promoted to a regional at that point.

19 Q. Did you report to Joy Freathy?

20 A. I did. I had that wrong. It was
21 Christine Stone-Seifer was my area when I was a
22 manager, and Joy was the regional. And then,

1 it's just really hard to remember. It was
2 within a year.

3 Q. And again, the company records show
4 that you were promoted -- I'll represent to you
5 that they show you were promoted on or about
6 March 22, 1999. Does that sound accurate?

7 A. Yes, it does.

8 Q. As an area supervisor with LA Weight
9 Loss, which centers were under your
10 supervision?

11 A. I had Herndon, Rockville,
12 Gaithersburg, Frederick, Hagerstown, and opened
13 D.C.

14 Q. Do you recall when you opened D.C.?

15 A. I would guess it was probably in 2000.

16 Q. Do you recall when your employment at
17 LA Weight Loss ended?

18 A. It would have been in -- I believe it
19 was April or May of 2001, I believe that's
20 when. I'm not good on dates. Really, I'm not.

21 Q. And I'll try to help you out on that.
22 I'll represent to you that the company records

1 when I was promoted to area was when Christine
2 had been moved to a different area, so I
3 reported to Joy.

4 Q. So, when you first started as area
5 supervisor, you reported to Joy Freathy.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And her title was regional supervisor?

8 A. Yes, it was.

9 Q. At some point, did an individual named
10 Colleen also serve as your direct supervisor?

11 A. Yes, she did.

12 Q. And this was while you were an area
13 supervisor?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And was Colleen's title regional
16 supervisor?

17 A. Yes, it was.

18 MS. KARENICK: Objection to form.

19 BY MR. PHILLIPS:

20 Q. What was Colleen's title, to your
21 knowledge?

22 A. She was a regional supervisor.

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1 when I was just a manager and not hiring. So,
 2 I didn't pay a whole lot of attention to them
 3 at all, then.

4 Q. Now, while you were employed with LA
 5 Weight Loss, there was a policy, was there not,
 6 of retaining applications or resumes?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did you comply with this policy?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. After receiving an application or
 11 resume, irrespective of whether the person was
 12 interviewed or hired, you sent those resumes to
 13 corporate; did you not?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 MR. PHILLIPS: Object to the form.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 MS. KARETNICK: I'll rephrase the
 18 question just in case there's an issue.

19 BY MS. KARETNICK:

20 Q. What did you do with those
 21 applications?

22 A. They were put in a mailer and sent to

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1 corporate.

2 Q. Now, you mentioned earlier that -- for
 3 sake of clarity, I'm just going to call her,
 4 Colleen -- that Colleen said to you that she
 5 doesn't care what you do with the applications,
 6 "Put them in the trash, if you want. They're
 7 not going to be hired anyway?"

8 MR. PHILLIPS: Objection.

9 Mischaracterizes her prior testimony, "said to
 10 you."

11 BY MS. KARETNICK:

12 Q. That Colleen said something to the
 13 effect of, "I don't care what happens to these
 14 applications. You don't have to send them to
 15 corporate. One doesn't have to send them to
 16 corporate," does that roughly characterize your
 17 testimony, fairly characterize your testimony?

18 A. I heard her make that comment to a
 19 person on the phone. She didn't say it to me.

20 Q. Did you ever throw any applications
 21 away?

22 A. No, I did not.

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1 Q. Did you ever throw any applications
 2 away, because you believed the person would
 3 never be interviewed or hired?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you ever see anyone else throw any
 6 applications away?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Now, you also testified that you had
 9 one conversation with Colleen regarding hiring
 10 policies, specifically with respect to men. Is
 11 that right?

12 A. (Nodded head.)

13 Q. Sorry, you need to verbalize your
 14 answer.

15 A. Yes, yes.

16 Q. I understand you, but the court
 17 reporter may not.

18 A. I know, as soon as I did it, I
 19 realized that.

20 Q. You're doing fine.

21 MR. PHILLIPS: You're doing great.

22 BY MS. KARETNICK:

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1 Q. During the course of that
 2 conversation, did Colleen ever tell you that
 3 that was a company policy?

4 MR. PHILLIPS: Objection. Asked and
 5 answered. I'll withdraw the objection. Go
 6 ahead.

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 BY MS. KARETNICK:

9 Q. Did anyone else at the company ever
 10 tell you that it was a company policy not to
 11 hire men?

12 A. No.

13 Q. You also testified that you heard
 14 Colleen on the phone and that specifically what
 15 you heard related, at least, in part, to hiring
 16 or not hiring men. Is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who was Colleen talking to?

19 A. I have no idea.

20 Q. Do you recall when you overheard that
 21 phone call?

22 A. I know it was in the Herndon office,